

# July 2019 Snapshot of Adults in Families

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## Experiencing Homelessness in the Richmond Region

The following data were collected in Homeward's 13<sup>th</sup> Summer (July 31, 2019) count of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the Richmond region. A total of 436 adults and 57 children were counted, and 74.3% of adults completed the Homeward point-in-time survey. The statistics below represent the 6.8% of individuals who indicated that they were accompanied by children.

- 86.4% of adults are females, and 13.6% are males. Most adults in families are single, never married adults (90.9%). 9.1% are or have been in families, including those who are married, as well as those who are partnered, separated, widowed, or divorced.
- A majority of persons in families report that they are African-American (86.4%). 4.5% indicated that they are Hispanic.
- The average age for adults is 32.7 years.
- 36.4% have just a high school education or GED. 31.8% attended some college, and 13.6% have a college degree.
- 54.5% served some time in jail and/or prison. Out of all individuals surveyed (including those who have not served time in jail and/or prison).
- 36.4% have experienced domestic violence in their lifetime. Of those experiencing domestic violence, 57.1% had experienced it in the past year.
- 4.5% report having a problem with alcohol sometime in their lifetime, and 9.1% have reported having a problem with drugs sometime in their lifetime.
- 40.9% report having received counseling or treatment for a mental health problem sometime in their lifetime. Of these, 88.9% are currently being treated, and 55.6% are taking medication for mental health problems.
- 13.6% report having a long-term disability.
- 40.9% are employed. Of those who are employed, 55.6% work full-time, 33.3% work part-time, and 11.1% do day labor or temporary work.
- The median length of time respondents have lived in Greater Richmond is around two months. 4.5% have lived in the area for 17 years or more.
- The majority of respondents (63.6%) reported having their last housing in Richmond. Others indicated previous housing in Henrico (18.2%). 9.1% of respondents last lived elsewhere in Virginia, and 9.1% lived in other states.
- In the past three years, most homeless adults in families have been homeless once (54.5%) or twice (36.4%); 9.1% have been homeless three or more times during this time period.
- Under half (42.9%) have been homeless for three months or less.

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